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**SENATE BILL 5116**

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**By** Senators Christian, Riccelli, Frame, Krishnadasan, Lovick, Nobles, Shewmake, and J. Wilson

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1 AN ACT Relating to the immediate use of marriage licenses for  
2 medical necessity; amending RCW 26.04.180; and creating a new  
3 section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 26.04.180 and 1985 c 82 s 4 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) The county auditor may issue the marriage license at the time  
8 of application, but shall issue such license no later than the third  
9 full day following the date of the application. A marriage license  
10 issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter may not be used  
11 until three days after the date of application and shall become void  
12 if the marriage is not solemnized within (~~sixty~~) 60 days of the  
13 date of the issuance of the license, and the county auditor shall  
14 notify the applicant in writing of this requirement at the time of  
15 issuance of the license.

16 (2) The county auditor shall issue the marriage license at the  
17 time of application, and such license may be used immediately, in the  
18 event that a written statement from a physician licensed to practice  
19 medicine in the state is first provided to the county auditor, which  
20 states that one or both of the applicants is at risk of imminent  
21 death or incapacity.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    This act may be known and cited as the  
2    medical emergency marriage act.

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